

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Any and/or all processing described herein can be performed in conjunction with a patient's medical history, family history, allergic conditions information, and/or with any other information deemed important and/or essential in ~~the~~ the an individual's healthcare diagnoses and/or treatments. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Other objects and advantages of the present invention will be apparent to those ~~skill~~ skilled in the art upon a review of the Description of the Preferred Embodiment, taken in conjunction with the Drawings which follow. --.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 43, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

-- The apparatus 100 can also ~~include~~ include a patient or individual user communication device or computer 40 (hereinafter "patient communication device 40" or "patient computer 40") which is associated with a healthcare patient such as a patient, user, or client who seeks or who is provided with healthcare and/or related services, products and/or related information. The patient communication device 40 can also be utilized by any individual, party, or entity, who or which may merely utilize the present invention in order to obtain information of interest. --.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 76, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

-- In any and/or all of the embodiments described herein, any one of the central processing computers 10, the provider communication devices 20, the payer communication devices 30, the patient communication devices 40, and/or the intermediary communication devices 50, can include input devices (not shown) for facilitating the data entry of a ~~patients~~ patient's vital signs ~~and-or~~ and/or other medical data such as, but not limited to, pulse rate, blood pressure, blood-sugar

level, etc., and any other data ~~and-or~~ and/or information which can be input into the ~~repective~~ respective computer and/or communication device and be transmitted to the central processing computer consistent with the utilization of the present invention as described herein. --.